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Editorial

PARTNERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

The coming year ought to be notable for a large increase in the membership of the Association and for a closer gathering together of the forces. It is well to have the intercourse of the annual meetings, the personal greetings and the exchange of views; it is well to have the bond of the *Journal* that reaches the 1700 members (which number we ought to increase largely this year).

But after all it is the comparatively few that come together at the annual meeting, and the connection of the great body of members through the medium of the *Classical Journal* and *Classical Philology* rather represents a loose membership than the partnership and participation that must serve to awaken the keenest interest.

There is no need of exhortation so far as the college and university interests are concerned. They will take care of themselves, and there is no danger that they will not be kept alive; but if the Association would do its most effective missionary work it must penetrate to the secondary schools of its region severally and individually, and then hold them close in something like real affiliation.

This can be done effectively by organizing in each state an auxiliary association (preferably in connection with whatever classical organization already exists in the state). In such section meetings matters of particular import to the general Association can be discussed, criticisms and suggestions can be offered, local conditions can be better known, and a more intimate relationship established between the forces of the various states and the Association at large. Most of all, on the part of those teachers who can not attend the annual meetings, the personal interest that comes from participation will be

stimulated. We need these auxiliary meetings to make the Association as an organization complete.

It will be recalled that at the Nashville meeting the following resolution was adopted:

Each state vice-president shall be authorized to organize in his own state an auxiliary association which shall be known as the ——Section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, of which all members of the Classical Association (residing in said state) shall be members *ex facto*, and whose purpose shall be primarily the consideration of local classical interests and their relation to the Association. These sections shall meet at least once a year at a place and time to be determined by the state vice-president, who shall be *ex officio* chairman. The vice-president shall transmit to the secretary-treasurer a record of such proceedings as shall be of general interest within four weeks following the date of the meeting.

This movement is well under way and such sections have been formed in several of our states. This year it ought to be done in all of them. It is hoped and urged that each vice-president will early take this matter in charge in connection with his regular campaign for membership.

It is not necessary that the section organization be particularly elaborate or formal. Distinctly it should not displace or interfere with any classical organization already existing. Where such organization already exists the proposed section can probably best be made a part of the regular programme; but it ought to be essentially a nerve that connects with the central Association. The members must feel that they are not simply patrons of the Association at large, but real participants. In this way we shall increase the state body of workers; in this way we shall best retain the membership already gained; in this way we shall have in fact a classical organism.

BERNARD CAMILLUS BONDURANT

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Professor B. C. Bondurant at Asheville, N. C., on August 19. He was born at Rice, W. Va., August 13, 1870, and graduated from Hampden-Sidney College as second honor man in 1891. The next two years were spent in private tutoring and 1893-94 as principal of Jefferson Collegiate Institute, Monticello, Fla. After a year at Western Kentucky College as professor of Latin and German, he held the Latin pro-